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To: (KUCC), Peacey, Victoria
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Subject: Re: Addition to Bingham Canyon 2004 seed mix

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I'm surprised mahogany has never established from seed. Let's hope the Booth tubes work.

I don't consider chokecherry a browse plant (the leaves contain cyanide), but it's a good species to try. Is acid-scarified seed available? This would be a good experiment if it is. We should monitor places where you plant chokecherry to see if it comes up.

>>> "Peacey, Victoria (KUCC)" <peaceyv@kennecott.com> 09/08/04 09:47AM >>>
Hi Paul,

I've replaced Curl Leaf Mountain Mahogany in the Bingham Canyon Mine seed mix with Chokecherry. I have never seen Mahogany on any of the areas that we've seeded so far and it is an expensive seed (\$45). I thought Chokecherry would be a good substitute to try out since it is native to Utah, suited for mountain slopes above 4500ftamsl, provides excellent browse for wildlife and it's much cheaper (\$12). In 2002 we also planted bare root Mahogany seedlings with no success (they got eaten by deer before they had a chance to root).

Bitterroot Restoration is currently growing Curl Leaf Mountain Mahogany seedlings in their greenhouse in preparation for spring planting on the waste rock dumps in 2005. Hopefully Bitterroot's Booth Tube technology will allow for more successful establishment of Mahogany on the dumps, similar to the success of the sage seedlings they planted in 2002.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks - Vicky

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